

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 are amended.

Support for the claim amendments may be found, for example, at page 9, lines 29-page 10, line 11.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Tran and Ismail. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11-13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over EP1050831; rejects claims 4-5 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP1050831 in view of EP1111517; and rejects claims 7, 9, 10 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP1050831 in view of applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither EP1050831, EP1111517 nor AAPA, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests at least a document representation storage further storing a predetermined number of most recently changed documents irrespective of user's indication of significance, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 11.

EP1050831 discloses in Fig. 4 and in the Abstract that a document change monitoring agent is coupled with a recommendation system. This configuration allows for human judgment to be used in evaluating changes in a document and allows the evaluation to be shared with other users. However, EP1050831 does not disclose or suggest storing a predetermined number of most recently changed documents irrespective of user's indication of significance.

Neither, EP1111517 nor AAPA compensate for the above-noted deficiencies of EP1050831. Specifically, EP1111517 at paragraph [0026] discloses that a value of a URL

for a generic user may be based on a weighted sum of users' ratings for the URL. Further, nowhere does AAPA disclose or suggest the above-noted features of the claims.

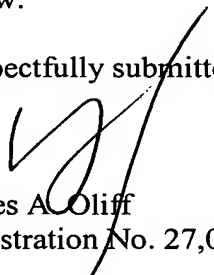
Therefore, independent claims 1 and 11 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-10 and 12-17 depend from the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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